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Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:

CENTRAL DIVISION.

A SPECIAL and general meeting of the Division was held at the Medical Institute on December 12th, 1905, at 4 p.m., Mr. HASLAM in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Co-ordination of Scientific Work.—The following report of the Executive Committee on the Co-ordination of the Scientific Work of the Association, its Branches, and Divisions, was read by the HONORARY SECRETARY: "Your Committee begs to report to the Division that it has considered the question referred to it, and recommends as follows: That the report of the Science Co-ordination Committee be approved in its general sense. With regard to the questions of Library and Scientific Section, your Committee would point out that these advantages are already provided within the area of the Division by the Medical Institute and the Pathological and Clinical Section of the Branch. We support the suggestion that all local medical societies should, whenever feasible, be amalgamated into one body." It was proposed by Mr. NEAL, and seconded by Mr. MILLIGAN, and carried *nem. con.*, that the report be adopted.

Ambulance Work.—The report on ambulance work was read, and its adoption proposed by the HONORARY SECRETARY, seconded by Mr. OAKES. It was as follows: "Your Committee has considered the Medico-Political Committee's report on the relations of the medical profession to ambulance work, together with the approval given to that report by a resolution of the Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester. We recommend that a circular, stating the decision of this Division, that ambulance work should be treated as a matter of business and not philanthropy, and also the scale of fees, be sent to each member of the profession within the area of the Division. The decision of the Division as to the rate of payment is as follows: (1) The fee for each lecture should be £1 1s.; (2) the fee for each examination should be £1 1s. as a minimum; if more than twenty-one members, then 1s. per head; (3) the minimum fee for judging ambulance competitions should be £3 3s. Dr. POOLER moved as a rider that intimation be given also to the officials of the various societies which promoted the lectures. The rider was accepted, and the report, with the rider, was put to the meeting and carried.

Direct Representation on General Medical Council.—The CHAIRMAN then explained the process of nomination of Association candidates for election as direct representatives on the General Medical Council, and nominated, on behalf of the Executive Committee, Dr. Langley Browne, of West Bromwich, the Chairman of Council of the Association. The nomination was seconded by Mr. HALLWRIGHT, and supported by several members, put, and carried *nem. con.* No other nominations were received.

The Division and Parliamentary Candidates.—The HON. SECRETARY then proposed that the Executive Committee should be empowered to act for the Division in putting questions to candidates for Parliament at the forthcoming election. This was seconded by Mr. OAKES, and carried with one dissentient.

Contract Medical Practice.—The recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee with regard to Contract Practice were then considered. The HON. SECRETARY explained that the report on Contract Practice had been sent to every registered medical practitioner, and invitations to attend had been sent to all such residing in the area of the Division, in consequence of which there were present three non-members of the Division. Recommendation I, which was as follows:

> That the conditions upon which the medical practitioners in any district undertake Contract Practice should be prescribed by arrangement among themselves,

was carried *nem. con.*, having been proposed by Mr. MORRISON and seconded by the HON. SECRETARY. Recommendation II: That the control of the profession over the conditions of Contract Practice can only be effectually exercised under the conditions of a Public Medical Service, namely:

(*a*) That the general control be in the hands of some organized local body representative of the profession, such as a Division of the British Medical Association.

(*b*) That it be open to every medical practitioner in the district to take part in the work, should he desire to do so, and conform to the regulations of the profession.

(*c*) That the details of administration be under the direct control of a purely Medical Committee representing both those who do and those who do not take part in contract work.

This was proposed by Mr. MILLIGAN and seconded by Mr. OAKES, and when put to the meeting, was carried. Recommendation III: That whenever, in the opinion of the

local medical profession, the immediate institution of a public medical service is for any reason impracticable, the three main principles above stated should be carried into effect so far as possible. That is to say:—

(*a*) That, with regard to the conditions upon which they will accept Contract Practice, the medical practitioners of each district should collectively and individually enter into an agreement, in which the following matters are specifically prescribed:—
  (i.) Rates of remuneration.
  (ii.) Conditions of admission to attendance under contracts, including provisions with respect to the economic position, age, and health of candidates.
  (iii.) Definitions of the services to be rendered under the contract.
  (iv.) Where appointments are made by non-medical bodies, the forms of contract, tenure of office, and representation of the medical profession in the management of the medical service.

(*b*) That practitioners should cease to hold separate appointments or to carry on private clubs, and principle of distribution of Contract Practice among all practitioners in the district who desire to participate should be carried into effect.

(*c*) That organized forms of Contract Practice at present under the control of Non-medical Committees should gradually be brought under direct medical control.

This recommendation, having been put to the meeting, it was proposed by Mr. NEAL and seconded by Mr. HALLWRIGHT, as an amendment, that clause (*b*) should be omitted. The amendment was carried. Recommendation IV: That agreements among local members of the profession with respect to contract practice should be effected through the agency of organized local bodies representative of the profession, the rulers of which should make agreements binding upon the members. This was carried unanimously. Recommendation V, namely: That the professional organizations referred to should in each case be a Division of the British Medical Association, was proposed for adoption by Mr. WHICHELLO, seconded by the HONORARY SECRETARY. Whereupon Mr. NEAL moved its omission, and this was seconded by Mr. HALLWRIGHT, and its omission was carried. Recommendation VI: That to render professional co-operation as complete as possible the Division should endeavour to secure the inclusion of every practitioner in their membership, and should make their decisions binding by adopting rules such as have been suggested by the Ethical Committee. This recommendation was proposed by Mr. MILLIGAN and seconded by Mr. HALLWRIGHT, whereupon Mr. NEAL moved and Dr. WILSON seconded, that the word "Divisions" should read "Organizations," and all the words after "membership" should be omitted. The amendment was lost, and Clause VI, being put, was carried. Recommendation VII: That the Divisions be urged to establish a Public Medical Service in every area in which Contract Practice is believed by them to be necessary. This was carried *nem. con.* The meeting lasted an hour and three-quarters.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:
HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Friday, January 12th, at 4.45 p.m., at St. Peter's Hall, Belsize Square, Mr. F. R. HUMPHREYS in the chair.

Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting of November 10th, 1905, were read and confirmed, and the minutes of December 16th, 1905, were taken as read. Arising out of the minutes of November 10th, 1905, Dr. GLOVER asked if a letter had not been received from Dr. Cook with regard to the proposed conference. The HONORARY SECRETARY replied that the letter had been received, but could not be discussed at this meeting. Dr. GLOVER also asked whether the fifth resolution referred to in the last paragraph of the minutes of November 10th had not been "withdrawn" rather than "referred back." Mr. ARMIT explained that the phrase "referred back" was correct.

Letters of Apology.—Letters of regret were received from Dr. Ford Anderson and Dr. Pidcock for inability to be present.

Branch Entertainment Committee.—The HONORARY SECRETARY explained that it was necessary to elect a representative to the Branch Entertainment Committee. Mr. R. H. Wellington, Vice-Chairman, had been nominated by the Committee. Mr. Wellington was then unanimously elected.

Diagnosis of Uterine Cancer.—The CHAIRMAN then called upon Dr. F. J. McCann to read his paper on the diagnosis of cancer of the womb. Dr. MCCANN then delivered a most instructive lecture, freely illustrated with exceptionally fine lantern slides of the various morbid conditions commonly found in early and advanced cases of uterine cancer, and explained how an early diagnosis could be made. A discussion followed, after which the cordial thanks of the meeting were conveyed to Dr. McCann for his address, and regret was expressed that more members were not present to hear it. Dr. MCCANN, in reply, thanked Mr. Cunnington for kindly working the lantern.

The Division and Parliamentary Candidates.—Before the meeting broke up Mr. ARMIT stated that, at the request of the Committee and as a constituent of the Harrow (Parliamentary) Division of Middlesex, he had sought an interview with the two candidates for election (Messrs. Peel and Gibb). The Hon. W. Peel had spoken in general favour of the various measures of medical interest brought to his notice, but had declined to put anything on paper. Mr. J. Gibb had not answered his letter, so that he had sent a second letter to point out to him the possible effect of this want of attention on the medical section of the constituency.

SOUTHERN BRANCH:
WINCHESTER DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of this Division was held at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, on January 10th, at 3 p.m., Dr. LIVINGSTONE, Chairman, presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr. Langdon.—Dr. HARMAN proposed the following motion to be entered on the minutes:

> This Division, with deepest sorrow, record the very great and irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of their Chairman, Mr. T. C. Langdon, F.R.C.S., one of the founders of our Branch, and the originator and moving spirit of this Winchester Division, whose energetic and invaluable Secretary and Treasurer he was for twenty years. Among his many and onerous duties all this time Mr. Langdon always placed the British Medical Association in the forefront. He set a high example by his unswerving, upright, and unselfish professional conduct, and he perseveringly laboured to induce the medical fraternity to discard little differences and narrow views, and to join and work together in this great and beneficial Association for the honour and welfare of our profession as a whole. In every way he has won the highest esteem and regard of all those he came in contact with, especially the members of this Branch. They also desire to forward their collective expression of deepest sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Langdon and family in their great and inexpressible loss.

—This was seconded by Dr. LIVINGSTONE, and carried unanimously by the members standing.

Contract Practice.—It was proposed by Dr. RITCHIE, seconded by Dr. BROWNE, and carried:

> That the proposals laid down in the SUPPLEMENTS of August 5th and July 22nd, 1905, be adopted.

Direct Representatives on General Medical Council.—It was proposed by Dr. BROWNE, seconded by Dr. HARMAN, and carried:

> That the proposals laid down in the SUPPLEMENT of October 7th, 1905 (Medico-Political Committee), be adopted, and that Dr. Bullar (Southampton) and Dr. Straton (Wilton) be the candidates to stand as Direct Representatives on the General Medical Council on conditions laid down in the said SUPPLEMENT.

Letters were read from Dr. Bullar (Southampton), and Dr. Straton (Wilton), accepting the invitation of the Division to stand as Direct Representatives on the General Medical Council on conditions laid down in the SUPPLEMENT of October 7th, 1905.

The Division and Parliamentary Candidates.—It was proposed by Dr. LIVINGSTONE, seconded by Dr. ENGLAND, and carried:

> That the proposals laid down in SUPPLEMENT, November 18th, 1905, relating to Parliamentary Candidates, be adopted.

Co-ordination of Scientific Work.—It was proposed by Dr. HARMAN, seconded by Dr. BROWNE, and carried:

> That the proposals laid down in SUPPLEMENT, September 30th, relating to the scientific work of the Association, be adopted and that the Secretary should report what arrangements can be made with the existing library at the Royal Hants County Hospital.

Annual Report.—The SECRETARY read the annual report for 1905, which is as follows:—

Three general meetings of the Division were held in 1905: One on April 19th at St. Patrick's Hall, Winchester; one on May 31st at Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester; one on October 25th at Westbrooke House, Alton, Hants.

Three meetings of the Executive Committee were held in 1905: One on May 3rd at St. Patrick's Hall, Winchester; one on September 27th at St. Patrick's Hall, Winchester; one on November 30th at St. Patrick's Hall, Winchester.

The following new members have joined the Division: Dr. Ahrens, 79, Worthing Street, Basingstoke; Dr. F. J. Child, Kinellan, Winchester; Dr. William Kay, Bentley, Hants; Dr. L. W. Oliver, Ropley, Alresford, Hants; Dr. G. W. Wickham, 27, Southgate Street, Winchester; Dr. E. J. H. Rudge, Shawford, Winchester; Lieutenant Hoar, R.A.M.C., Princess Louise Hospital, Alton; Dr. S. Child, Royal Hants County Hospital; Dr. H. Scoones, Royal Hants County Hospital.

The following new members have removed into the Division: Captain Babington, R.A.M.C., Aldershot; Dr. F. W. Waters, Cove, Farnborough.

The following member has removed into the Division: Dr. W. B. Barclay (Mayfield, Aldershot).

The following deaths occurred in the Division: T. C. Langdon, F.R.C.S., Chairman; Dr. T. H. Griffiths (Preston Candover, Hants); Lieutenant-Colonel Mulvany, R.A.M.C. (Princess Louise Hospital, Alton).

Obituary notice and biography of Mr. T. C. Langdon was sent to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, with photograph, and appeared in the JOURNAL of January 7th, 1906.

At the annual meeting held May 31st, 1905, the various officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follows: *Chairman*, T. C. Langdon, F.R.C.S.; *Vice-Chairman*, J. L. Livingstone, M.D. (Hursley); *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, H. J. Godwin, M.B., F.R.C.S. (35, Southgate Street, Winchester); *Representative for Representative Meeting*, D. Browne (Winchester); *Representatives on Branch Council*, J. F. Briscoe, G. F. A. England, F. W. Underhill; *Executive Committee*, J. F. Briscoe, G. F. A. England, W. M. Harman, T. C. Langdon, J. L. Livingstone, W. A. S. Royds, Thomas Wright, F. W. Underhill, H. J. Godwin.

Mr. T. C. Langdon resigned the post of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer at the commencement of the year. Mr. Langdon had held the post for upwards of twenty years.

The following resolution was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

> The members of the Winchester Division of the British Medical Association having learnt with regret that the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. T. C. Langdon) has determined to resign his office, desire to record their grateful thanks to Mr. Langdon for the valuable services he has rendered to the Division during the past twenty years, and trust that he may still continue to maintain his interest in the welfare of the profession in this neighbourhood.

Presentation to Mr. T. C. Langdon.—At the annual meeting, May 31st, 1905, a silver inkstand was presented to Mr. T. C. Langdon, with the following inscription engraved on it:

> Presented to T. C. Langdon, Esq., F.R.C.S., by the members of the Winchester Division of the British Medical Association in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for a period of twenty years, May 31st, 1905.

The following members subscribed to the Langdon testimonial: Drs. Harman, Loveless, Bevan, Ritchie, Browne, Briscoe, James, Applebe, Bullar, England, MacNalty, Livingstone, Curtis, Scott, Price, Wace, Jollye, Royds, Straton, Allen, Colonel Moore, R.A.M.C., Godwin.

Matters referred to the Divisions during the year 1905 were considered at the meetings and the results recorded on the minutes.

At the annual meeting, May 31st, 1905, the following alteration to Rule 8c was made. The old rule read as follows:

> To arrange the date, place, and frequency of holding ordinary meetings.

The rule now reads as follows:

> To arrange the date, place, and frequency of holding ordinary meetings, *including the annual meeting.*

The following new rule was made at the annual meeting, May 31st, 1905:

The time allowed for reading papers at the meetings is fifteen minutes, and every subsequent speaker is limited to five minutes.

The following papers have been read before the meetings during the year 1905: Mr. Bullar: On a Scheme for the Improvement and Organization of Contract Practice. Mr. Briscoe: On the Management of the Insane. Dr. Bevan: On a Case of Cirrhosis of the Liver, with Remarks on Causation and Treatment. Dr. Williams: On Cases of Addison's Disease. Dr. Harman: On Membranous Colitis. Mr. Godwin: On Prostatectomy. Captain Irvine, R.A.M.C.: On Self-Inflicted Wound of Larynx. Dr. Livingstone: On Belladonna Poisoning. Mr. Godwin: On Anthrax.

The following cases were shown at the meetings: (1) Tubercle of Lung; (2) Nephritis; (3) Aphasia; (4) Congenital Dislocation of Both Hip-joints; (5) Aneurysm of Abdominal Aorta; (6) Carcinoma of Larynx.

The year 1905 is memorable for the first time on record in which a general meeting of the Division has been held outside Winchester. The autumn meeting was held at Westbrooke House, Alton, by kind invitation of Dr. Briscoe. The meeting was an entire success, owing to the energies of Dr. Briscoe, and a vote of thanks to Dr. Briscoe was recorded on the minutes. It is now hoped that meetings will be held annually in various parts of the Division.

Financial Statement.—The following is the statement for the year 1905:

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from 1904	2	4	1	Printing and stationery	3	17	2
Grant for current expenses for the year ...	6	13	0	Hire of room and teas ...	1	17	9
				Annual subscription to B.M.A.	1	5	0
				Stamps	1	4	7
					£8	4	6
				Balance from 1905	0	17	7
	£9	2	1		£9	2	1

Communications.—Dr. BRISCOE (Alton) read a paper on professional advertisements, and an interesting discussion followed in which all the members took part.—Dr. THOMPSON read notes on an Obscure Case of Syphilis. The following members took part in the discussion: Drs. LIVINGSTONE, RITCHIE, CHILD, BROWNE, HARMAN, GODWIN, ROYDS.

Scale of Fees.—The following resolution was proposed by Dr. LIVINGSTONE, seconded by Dr. BRISCOE, and carried:

> That the Executive Committee do draw up a scale of fees for the guidance of members.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH:

TRURO DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Miners' Hospital, Redruth, on Tuesday, January 9th, at 3 p.m.

State Registration of Nurses.—A resolution in favour of the State registration of trained nurses was passed.

The Division and Parliamentary Candidates.—It was decided that the questions to parliamentary candidates should be sent by post, it being impossible to arrange deputations satisfactorily.

Divisional Representatives and Branch Meetings.—It was resolved to suggest to the Branch that representatives of Divisions, when attending Branch meetings, be paid first-class return fares.

Indecent Advertisements.—A resolution in favour of sending the questions on indecent advertisements, etc., to parliamentary candidates was lost, the meeting deciding that such matters were better left to the Home Secretary.

Paper.—Dr. FRANK HICHENS then read a paper on puerperal eclampsia, and considerable discussion followed.

Demonstration of Cases in Hospital.—The Honorary Staff then took the members round the wards and showed cases of interest.

Tea.—Tea was then kindly provided by the matron and staff, to whom a vote of thanks was passed.

Next Meeting.—It was decided that the next meeting be held at Penzance.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH:

BRADFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, on Tuesday, January 9th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. MITCHELL, Chairman, presided.

The Division and Parliamentary Candidates.—Dr. METCALFE reported that a subcommittee had interviewed the candidates for parliamentary election in the city, and they were generally in favour of the memorandum and questions submitted by the British Medical Association.

Contract Medical Practice.—The conclusions and recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee on Contract Practice were read and discussed. As any action determined on in Bradford could only be carried out by the unanimity of the whole of the profession in the Division, the following resolution was moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Dr. MUNRO, and carried unanimously:

That a meeting of the whole of the profession in the Bradford Division be called to consider the question, and that a copy of the conclusions and recommendations be sent to every medical practitioner.

Co-ordination of Scientific Work.—The report of the Science Co-ordination Committee was read and considered. On the proposition of Mr. BASIL HALL, seconded by Dr. LITTLE, it was agreed that the Division approved of the conclusions of the Committee. The meeting then terminated.

PAYMENTS BY CORONERS TO PATHOLOGISTS.

MR. COCKERTON, the District Auditor appointed by the Local Government Board to audit the accounts of the London County Council, has communicated to the British Medical Association in the following letter his decision in the matter of the objections of the Association to certain payments made by the London County Council to Mr. Troutbeck in respect of fees to a pathologist. The arguments in the case were reported in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 4th, 1905, page 264, and December 2nd, 1905, page 312.

The Auditor has also promised to furnish the Association as soon as possible with a statement of the reasons for his decision. An appeal can be made from the District Auditor's decision at any time within six months.

11th January, 1906. 1, Pump Court, Temple, E.C.

SIR,—I have to inform you that I have carefully considered the objections of the British Medical Association and other ratepayers to certain payments made by the London County Council to Mr. John Troutbeck, one of the Coroners of the County of London.

These payments were made to the Coroner to reimburse him for fees paid to Dr. Louis Freyberger in respect of *post-mortem* examinations performed by direction of the Coroner.

The charges to which objection has been made have been classed under the following heads:

(*a*) Cases in which the medical man in attendance on the deceased before his death gave evidence before the Coroner, but was not directed to make any *post-mortem* examination.

(*b*) Cases in which the medical man in attendance on the disease during lifetime was neither summoned as a witness nor gave any evidence at all.

(*c*) Cases in which no medical man was engaged in attendance on the deceased either before or at or immediately after his death and in which the Coroner did not summon a medical practitioner in actual practice in or near the place where the death happened.

(*d*) Cases in which a medical man was requested to make a *post-mortem* examination and to give evidence, but although the Jury made no application under Section XXI of the Coroners Act, 1887, Dr. Freyberger was engaged to assist at the *post-mortem* examination.

The arguments on behalf of the objectors together with those in support of the payment by the London County Council were heard by me on two separate occasions and after reviewing the whole of the facts of the case and carefully considering the contentions on each side, I have come to the conclusion that I am bound to allow the whole of the payments in question in the accounts of the London County Council and I hereby decide and deter-Line accordingly.

Whilst arriving at this decision, I desire to express my sympathy with those Members of the Medical Profession who are affected by Mr. Troutbeck's general mode of procedure, and I propose to refer to the matter in the Report which I shall make to the Council at the close of the Audit.

If requested to do so by any party interested in the matter, I shall be, of course, quite ready to enter a statement in writing for the reasons of my decision in the proper book of account in conformity with the requirements of the Public Health Act, 1875, which is made applicable by the Local Government Act, 1888.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
T. BARCLAY COCKERTON,
District Auditor.

Dr. Smith Whitaker,
Medical Secretary,
British Medical Association,
429, Strand, W.C.

☞ ***To ensure the insertion of notices in this column they must be received at the Central Offices of the Association not later than the first post on Tuesday.***

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The annual clinical meeting of this Branch will be held in the Royal Infirmary on Friday, February 16th. Fuller particulars will be announced later. —NORMAN WALKER and A. LOGAN TURNER, Honorary Secretaries.

LEINSTER BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Leinster Branch will be held in the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Saturday, February 3rd, at 4.30 p.m.—ARTHUR H. WHITE, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held at the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, S.W., on Tuesday, January 30th, at 5 p.m. Cases will be shown by members of the hospital staff.—CHARLES BUTTAR, Honorary Secretary, 10, Kensington Gardens Square, W.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 19th, at University College Hospital, at 4 p.m., when Dr. Henry Kenwood, Medical Officer of Health of Stoke Newington, will open a discussion on Disinfection in Rooms occupied by the Infectious Sick.—WYNN WESTCOTT, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: TOTTENHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held at the Tottenham Hospital on Friday, January 26th, at 4 p.m. A discussion will be opened on Hospital Out-patients Departments, by Mr. R. F. Tomlin. Visitors are cordially invited.—FRED. TRESILIAN, Honorary Secretary, White Lodge, Enfield.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—There will be a special meeting of this Division at the dispensary, 113, Queen's Road, Brighton, on Wednesday, January 24th, at 4 p.m., to consider the action of Mr. E. A. Villiers, M.P., whilst presiding over an antivivisection meeting at Brighton on November 23rd, 1905. An ordinary meeting of the Division will be held immediately after the special meeting. Agenda: Minutes; cases and specimens; paper by Dr. Bushnell on bacilluria. Other business.—RYDING MARSH, Honorary Secretary, Hove, Brighton.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—An extraordinary meeting of the Branch will be held on Thursday, February 1st, at the Athenaeum, George Street, Plymouth, at 4.30 p.m., when Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.C.S., F.R.S., has kindly consented to deliver an address, entitled, The Diagnosis and Surgical Treatment of Diseases of the Pituitary Gland. Tea will be provided at 4 p.m. at Messrs. Risdon's Restaurant, George Street (opposite the Athenaeum). The Branch Council trust that members will make every effort to attend this meeting, and they invite members to bring with them any friends who are not members of the Branch. By order of the Council.—G. YOUNG EALES, Honorary Secretary, 1, Matlock Terrace, Torquay.

ULSTER BRANCH.—The winter meeting will be held in Belfast on Wednesday, January 31st. Members having papers or business to bring before the meeting will please notify me as early as possible, and not later than January 20th.—CECIL E. SHAW, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 18, College Square East, Belfast.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

FLEET-SURGEON J. LOWNEY has been placed on the retired list, at his own request, January 12th. He was appointed Surgeon-Major, August 20th, 1885, and was promoted to be Fleet-Surgeon, August 20th, 1901.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: WILLIAM J. COLBORNE, Fleet Surgeon, to the *President*, for three months' hospital course, January 22nd; ROBERT L. DICKINSON, Surgeon, to the *President*, for three months' hospital course, January 11th; SIDNEY ROACH, Staff Surgeon, to the *Cormorant*, for Ascension, January 12th; AUGUST J. WERNET, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Cambridge*, January 12th; FRANCIS E. MCCUNE, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Berwick*, January 12th; GEORGE WILSON, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Nelson*, January 30th; THOMAS AUSTEN, Fleet Surgeon, and FRANCIS F. LOBB, Surgeon, to the *Albemarle*, January 30th; GEORGE A. WATERS, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Ramillies*, January 30th; THOMAS W. PHILLIPS, Staff Surgeon, to the *Iphigenia*, January 30th; JOHN MACDONALD, Surgeon, to the *Ringdove*, on commissioning, January 30th; LIONEL C. E. MURPHY, Surgeon, to the *Vivid*, additional, January 30th; ALEXANDER C. W. NEWPORT, Surgeon, to the *Victory*, for disposal, January 13th.

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

COLONEL W. B. SLAUGHTER, from the Royal Army Medical Corps, is promoted to be Surgeon-General, vice W. F. Burnett, retired, June 21st, 1905. Surgeon-General Slaughter entered the service as Assistant Surgeon, March 30th, 1872; became Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; Surgeon-Major, March 30th, 1884; was granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, March 30th, 1892; made Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, July 6th, 1896; and Colonel, April 1st, 1902. He served in the Afghan war of 1878-80 (medal), and in the campaign on the North-West Frontier of India in 1897-8 (medal with clasp).

Colonel W. S. PRATT, M.B., from the Royal Army Medical Corps, is also promoted to be Surgeon-General, vice J. A. Clery, C.B., M.B., placed on temporary half pay, December 29th, 1905. Surgeon-General Pratt was appointed Surgeon, March 31st, 1874; Surgeon-Major, June 15th, 1885; granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, September 30th, 1893; made Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, July 9th, 1896; and Colonel, April 1st, 1902. Surgeon-General Pratt was Assistant Surgeon with the Armée du Rhin, under Marshal Bazaine, in the Franco-German war of 1870-1, and was at the battles of Gravelotte and St. Privat; he was driven into Metz with the French army, and remained during the siege and until the surrender of the fortress from starvation. He was also with the Nile Expedition in 1884-5, was mentioned in dispatches, promoted to be Surgeon-Major, and received the medal with clasp, and the Khedive's bronze star.

Surgeon-General J. A. CLERY, M.D., C.B., is placed on temporary half pay on account of ill health, December 29th, 1905. He was appointed Assistant-Surgeon, April 1st, 1871; Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; Surgeon-Major, April 1st, 1883; granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, April 1st, 1891; made Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, March 10th, 1895; Surgeon-Colonel, March 13th, 1899; and Surgeon-General, May 23rd, 1902. His war record includes: Soudan Expedition, 1884-5, in charge of Abu Dom Field Hospital (medal with clasp, and Khedive's bronze star); Nile Expedition, 1898 (mentioned in dispatches, British and Egyptian medals); South African war, 1899-1902, as a Principal Medical Officer on the Lines of Communication, including the relief of Ladysmith and operations in the Transvaal, the Orange River Colony, and on the Zululand Frontier of Natal (several times mentioned in dispatches, Queen's medal with six clasps, King's medal with two clasps, and appointed C.B.).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. SEYMOUR, M.B., is promoted to be Colonel, vice W. B. Slaughter, promoted, June 21st, 1905. Colonel Seymour was appointed Surgeon, August 4th, 1878; Surgeon-Major, August 4th, 1890; and Lieutenant-Colonel, August 4th, 1898. He was in the Soudan Expedition in 1885 (medal with clasp, and Khedive's bronze star), and with the Soudan Frontier Field Force in 1885-6, including the action of Giniss. He was appointed Physician and Surgeon at Chelsea Hospital, June 3rd, 1904. He retains this appointment.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. ROBINSON is also promoted to be Colonel, vice C. Seymour, M.B., seconded, June 21st, 1905. Colonel Robinson's previous commissions are thus dated: Surgeon, March 6th, 1880; Surgeon-Major, March 6th, 1892; and Lieutenant-Colonel, November 16th, 1898. He was with the Momeik Column in the Burmese campaign in 1891 (medal with clasp); he was also in the Nile Expedition in 1898, including the battle of Khartoum (mentioned in dispatches, promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel, British medal, and Egyptian medal with clasp).

Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. P. INMAN, M.B., also, is promoted to be Colonel, *vice* W. E. Webb, M.D., retired, July 22nd, 1905. Colonel Inman joined the department as Surgeon, March 6th, 1880; was made Surgeon-Major, March 6th, 1892; and Lieutenant-Colonel, March 6th, 1900. He has no war record.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. CORKER, M.D., is promoted to be Colonel, *vice* G. A. Hughes, M.B., D.S.O., retired, August 26th, 1905. Colonel Corker's previous commissions are dated: Surgeon, March 6th, 1880; Surgeon-Major, March 6th, 1892; Lieutenant-Colonel, March 6th, 1900. He was in the North-West Frontier of India campaign in 1897-8 with the Mohmand Field and Tirah Expeditionary Forces, was mentioned in dispatches, and received a medal with two clasps.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. WEBB is made Colonel, *vice* C. H. Swayne, D.S.O., retired, September 18th, 1905. Colonel Webb's previous commissions are simultaneous with those of Colonels Inman and Corker. He served with the Nile Expedition in 1898, and was at the battle of Khartoum; he was mentioned in dispatches, and received the British medal and the Egyptian medal with clasp.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. MARTIN, M.B., whose previous commissions also bear the same date as those of Colonels Inman and Corker, is promoted to be Colonel, *vice* A. W. Duke, M.D., retired, December 18th, 1905. He was with the Zhob Valley Expedition in 1884. He was also in the South African war in 1899-1902, being present in operations in Natal, including the actions at Elandslaagte, Rietfontein, and Lombard's Kop, and at the defence of Ladysmith; he afterwards had charge of a general hospital (several times mentioned in dispatches, Queen's medal with three clasps, and King's medal with two clasps).

Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. J. CROLY, F.R.C.S.I., is promoted to be Colonel, vice W. S. Pratt, promoted, December 29th, 1905. Colonel Croly's previous commissions also bear the same dates as those of Colonels Inman and Corker. He served with the Southern Afghanistan Field Force during the Afghan war in 1880, and with the Tirah Expeditionary Force in the campaign on the North-West Frontier of India in 1897-8, receiving the medal with two clasps.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. PETERKIN, M.B., has been appointed Senior Medical Officer, Mauritius.

Lieutenant C. J. WYATT, M.B., from the Seconded List, to be Lieutenant, January 1st. He was appointed on probation July 31st, 1905.

Lieutenant R. S. SMYTH, from the Seconded List, to be Lieutenant, January 2nd. He also was appointed on probation, July 31st, 1905.

Colonel H. R. WHITEHEAD, Principal Medical Officer, Abbottabad and Sialkot Brigades, is transferred as officiating Principal Medical Officer, 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. O'SULLIVAN, now at Rawal Pindi, is appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer, Abbottabad and Sialkot Brigades.

Captain J. E. CARTER, M.B., is promoted to be Major, December 2nd, 1905. He joined the department as Surgeon-Captain, January 31st, 1891; was placed on half pay, December 1st, 1901; and restored to the establishment, October 2nd, 1905. He was in the South African war in 1899-1900, and was in operations in the Orange Free State and at Paardeberg, where he was wounded. He has the Queen's medal with two clasps.

Lieutenant R. P. NASH resigns his commission, January 6th. He was appointed Lieutenant on probation, January 31st, 1905.

Colonel W. E. SAUNDERS, C.B., who is serving in Bengal, has been appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer, Eastern Command, India.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. DODD, M.D., who is serving at Mhow, Bombay, is appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer, Bareilly and Garwhal Brigades.

Major T. H. F. CLARKSON, Senior Medical Officer, Jersey, has been appointed Medical Officer at the Tower of London, from February 1st, vice Lieutenant-Colonel J. Meek, M.D.

Lieutenant A. J. ARCH resigns his commission, January 10th. He was appointed on probation, July 31st, 1905.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA.

COLONEL C. SEYMOUR, M.B., R.A.M.C., Physician and Surgeon, to retain his appointment on promotion, June 21st, 1905.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

CAPTAIN G. Y. C. HUNTER, Bengal Establishment, is promoted to be Major, from November 17th, 1905. He was appointed Surgeon-Lieutenant, January 30th, 1893, and Surgeon-Captain, January 30th, 1896.

Captain J. A. BARNES is permitted to resign the service, from December 9th, 1905. His commissions are thus dated: Lieutenant, January 27th, 1900; Captain, January 27th, 1903.

Colonel G. J. KELLIE, Bengal, is appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer, 7th (Meerut) Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary Colonel) W. G. H. HENDERSON, Bombay Establishment, is promoted to be Colonel from November 11th, 1905. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon, March 31st, 1876, and became Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, March 31st, 1896. He was in the Burmese campaign in 1887-8, was mentioned in dispatches, and received the Frontier medal with clasp.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

KENNETH H. BEVERLEY has been appointed a Surgeon, January 9th.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS).

SURGEON-CAPTAIN C. R. SKYRME, M.B., 2nd Cinque Ports, resigns his commission, December 30th, 1905.

WILLIAM E. HENDERSON to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st Fifeshire, January 10th.

Vital Statistics.

VITAL STATISTICS OF LONDON DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1905.

[SPECIALLY REPORTED FOR THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.]

IN the accompanying table will be found summarized the vital statistics of the metropolitan boroughs and of the City of London, based upon the Registrar-General's returns for the fourth, or autumn, quarter of 1905. The mortality figures in the table relate to the deaths of persons actually belonging to the various boroughs, and are the result of a complete system of distribution of the deaths in public institutions among the several boroughs in which the deceased persons had previously resided.

The 30,454 births registered in London during the three months under notice were equal to an annual rate of 26.1 per 1,000 of the population, estimated at 4,684,794 persons in the middle of last year; in the corresponding quarters of the three preceding years the rates were 27.8, 27.4, and 27.2 per 1,000, the average rate for the fourth quarters of the ten years, 1895 to 1904, being 28.4 per 1,000. The birth-rates last quarter ranged from 12.0 in the City of London, 14.1 in Hampstead, 15.7 in the City of Westminster, 16.9 in Stoke Newington, 18.1 in Kensington, and 19.9 in Chelsea, to 31.6 in Bethnal Green, 31.9 in Shoreditch, 32.3 in Bermondsey, 33.1 in Stepney, 33.2 in Poplar, and 35.4 in Finsbury.

The 18,974 deaths of persons belonging to London registered during last quarter were equal to an annual rate of 16.2 per 1,000, against 17.2, 16.1, and 16.4 per 1,000 in the three preceding fourth quarters; in the corresponding periods of the ten preceding years the rate averaged 17.6 per 1,000. The death-rates last quarter ranged from 10.4 in Hampstead, 12.1 in Lewisham, 12.5 in Woolwich, 13.7 in Stoke Newington, and 14.0 in Wandsworth, to 19.4 in Stepney, 19.6 in Shoreditch, 19.8 in Finsbury, 20.4 in Bethnal Green, 20.9 in Southwark, and 21.1 in Bermondsey.

During the last quarter 1,547 deaths were referred to the principal infectious diseases; of these, 553 resulted from measles, 170 from scarlet fever, 158 from diphtheria, 279 from whooping-cough, 63 from enteric fever, and 324 from diarrhoea, but not any from small-pox, from typhus, or from ill-defined pyrexia. These 1,547 deaths were equal to an annual rate of 1.33 per 1,000, against an average rate of 1.84 per 1,000 in the corresponding quarters of the ten preceding years. The lowest death-rates last quarter from these principal infectious diseases were 0.37 in Hampstead, 0.46 in Stoke Newington, 0.49 in St. Marylebone and in Holborn, 0.57 in the City of Westminster, and 0.59 in Chelsea; the highest rates were 1.69 in Lambeth, 1.72 in Bethnal Green, 1.93 in Bermondsey, 2.04 in Stepney, 2.15 in Fulham, and 3.13 in Southwark. Measles showed the highest proportional

Analysis of the Vital Statistics of the Metropolitan Boroughs and of the City of London after Distribution of Deaths occurring in Public Institutions during the Fourth Quarter of 1905.

BOROUGHS.	Estimated Population middle of 1905.	Births.	Deaths.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Living.			Deaths from Principal Infectious Diseases.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Whooping-Cough.	Typhus.	Enteric Fever.	Simple and Ill-defined Fever.	Diarrhoea.	Phthisis.	Deaths of Children Under 1 Year of Age to 1,000 Births.
				Births.	Deaths.	Principal Infectious Diseases.												
COUNTY OF LONDON	4,684,794	30,454	18,974	26.1	16.2	1.33	1,547	—	553	170	158	279	—	63	—	324	1,824	130
Paddington	147,935	755	539	20.5	14.6	0.85	31	—	12	2	—	5	—	1	—	11	37	121
Kensington	180,083	814	636	18.1	14.2	0.96	43	—	18	7	1	4	—	3	—	10	67	127
Hammersmith ...	119,037	779	444	26.2	15.0	1.07	32	—	7	3	4	8	—	1	—	9	46	134
Fulham	157,210	1,087	588	27.7	15.0	2.15	84	—	30	7	11	18	—	5	—	13	58	132
Chelsea	74,496	369	308	19.9	16.6	0.59	11	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	31	125
City of Westminster	175,606	689	619	15.7	14.1	0.57	25	—	9	5	2	4	—	1	—	4	75	129
St. Marylebone ...	129,453	925	527	28.7	16.3	0.49	16	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	10	45	90
Hampstead	88,142	310	229	14.1	10.4	0.37	8	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	20	103
St. Pancras	236,183	1,439	1,032	24.4	17.5	1.54	92	—	22	12	5	35	—	2	—	16	97	138
Islington	342,994	2,091	1,389	24.4	16.2	1.55	132	—	60	16	10	19	—	4	—	23	128	135
Stoke Newington ...	52,828	223	181	16.9	13.7	0.46	6	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	2	30	121
Hackney	228,479	1,430	843	25.1	14.8	0.82	46	—	—	6	10	6	—	11	—	13	84	111
Holborn	56,481	365	257	25.9	18.3	0.49	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	50	66
Finsbury	98,207	867	486	35.4	19.8	1.14	28	—	1	7	3	5	—	3	—	9	62	104
City of London ...	22,425	67	96	12.0	17.2	0.72	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	6	134
Shoreditch	116,565	928	568	31.9	19.6	1.10	32	—	2	6	5	12	—	—	—	7	51	150
Bethnal Green ...	130,401	1,027	664	31.6	20.4	1.72	56	—	10	7	6	17	—	1	—	15	59	167
Stepney	305,466	2,519	1,475	33.1	19.4	2.04	155	—	48	15	15	42	—	5	—	30	140	148
Poplar	170,280	1,409	757	33.2	17.8	1.60	68	—	4	10	12	22	—	2	—	18	60	145
Southwark	208,528	1,516	1,089	29.2	20.9	3.13	162	—	118	5	11	3	—	6	—	19	117	146
Bermondsey	129,006	1,040	679	32.3	21.1	1.93	62	—	17	9	6	10	—	3	—	17	64	169
Lambeth	313,045	2,150	1,241	27.5	15.9	1.67	133	—	75	9	16	16	—	1	—	16	102	107
Battersea	177,532	1,172	686	26.5	15.5	1.12	49	—	15	10	3	10	—	1	—	10	67	138
Wandsworth	235,392	1,663	926	25.1	14.0	1.12	73	—	25	3	11	15	—	3	—	16	86	116
Camberwell	271,240	1,633	1,072	24.2	15.9	1.20	81	—	39	11	6	9	—	2	—	14	102	140
Deptford	114,495	847	450	29.7	15.8	1.17	33	—	7	7	4	5	—	2	—	8	29	122
Greenwich	103,493	636	354	24.6	14.1	0.86	22	—	3	1	6	2	—	2	—	8	33	137
Lewisham	144,420	826	437	22.9	12.1	0.99	35	—	20	1	2	2	—	1	—	9	34	98
Woolwich	126,372	878	392	23.1	12.5	0.67	21	—	4	1	5	7	—	1	—	3	44	112

fatality in Fulham, Islington, Stepney, Southwark, and Lambeth; scarlet fever in Finsbury, Bethnal Green, Poplar, Bermondsey, Battersea, and Deptford; diphtheria in Fulham, Stoke Newington, Poplar, Southwark, and Greenwich; whooping-cough in Fulham, St. Pancras, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Stepney, and Poplar; enteric fever in Fulham, Hackney, Holborn, Finsbury, and Southwark; and diarrhoea in Finsbury, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Poplar, Southwark, and Bermondsey.

During the three months under notice 1,824 deaths from phthisis were registered, equal to an annual rate of 1.56 per 1,000; the rates in the corresponding quarters of the three preceding years were 1.64, 1.64, and 1.79 per 1,000 respectively. Among the various boroughs the lowest death-rates from phthisis last quarter were recorded in Paddington, Hampstead, the City of London, Deptford, and Lewisham; and the highest rates in Stoke Newington, Holborn, Finsbury, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Southwark, and Bermondsey.

Infant mortality, measured by the proportion of deaths among children under 1 year of age to registered births, was equal to 130 per 1,000, against 155, 152, and 128 in the corresponding periods of the three preceding years; in the fourth quarters of the ten preceding years the rate averaged 147 per 1,000. The lowest rates of infant mortality last quarter were recorded in St. Marylebone, Hampstead, Holborn, Finsbury, and Lewisham, and the highest rates in Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Poplar, Southwark, and Bermondsey.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 9,193 births and 5,052 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, January 13th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 17.8, 17.4, and 18.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined again last week to 16.7 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 6.1 in Northampton, 7.8 in Hornsey, 9.7 in Wallasey, 10.1 in Leyton and in Derby, 10.3 in Walthamstow, 10.7 in West Hartlepool, and 10.9 in Stockton-on-Tees, to 21.1 in South Shields, 21.2 in Liverpool, 21.3 in Sunderland, 22.0 in Preston, 22.1 in West Bromwich, 22.2 in Tynemouth, 23.5 in St. Helens, 24.3 in Merthyr Tydfil, and 25.9 in Burnley. In London the rate of mortality was 17.5 per 1,000, while it averaged 16.3 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.3 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.4 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five large provincial towns the rates ranged upwards to 2.4 in East Ham and in Smethwick, 2.6 in Barrow-in-Furness, 2.7 in Plymouth, 2.9 in Leicester and in Leeds, 3.3 in Handsworth (Staffs), 3.6 in Bury, and 5.8 in Preston. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.1 in Willesden and in Swansea, 1.2 in Blackburn, 1.3 in Gateshead, 1.8 in Leeds, 3.6 in Bury, and 5.4 in Preston; diphtheria of 1.3 in Norwich, 1.4 in Merthyr Tydfil, and 1.7 in Barrow-in-Furness; whooping-cough of 1.1 in Huddersfield, 1.3 in Reading, 1.6 in Smethwick, 1.8 in Plymouth and in Leicester, and 3.3 in Handsworth (Staffs); and diarrhoea of 1.2 in Blackburn. The mortality from scarlet fever and from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns. No fatal case of small-pox was registered either in London or in any of the large provincial towns, and no small-pox patients were under treatment last week in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals. The number of scarlet fever cases in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital at the end of the week was 3,032, against 3,409, 3,446, and 3,299 at the end of the three preceding weeks; 257 new cases were admitted during the week, against 295, 295, and 291 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, January 13th, 901 births and 610 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 17.4, 18.2, and 19.8 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined again t 17.8 per 1,000 last week, but was 1.1 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the death-rates ranged from 11.4 in Paisley and 11.6 in Aberdeen to 19.2 in Greenock and 24.4 in Dundee. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.8 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow, Dundee, and Greenock. The 304 deaths registered in Glasgow included 20 which were referred to measles, 4 to diphtheria, 2 to "fever," and 9 to diarrhoea. Two fatal cases of diphtheria and 3 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh; 5 of measles and 3 of diarrhoea in Dundee; 2 of measles in Paisley; 2 of whooping-cough in Leith; and 2 of scarlet fever in Greenock.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, January 6th, 546 births and 371 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 452 births and 309 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 17.4, 16.5, and 15.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 21.0 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 2.7 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 14.4 in Cork and 17.8 in Limerick, to 21.7 in Dublin and 31.2 in Waterford. The zymotic death-rate during the same period and in the same six Irish towns averaged 1.1 per 1,000, or 0.2, per 1,000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figure, 1.9, being recorded in Waterford.

During the week ending Saturday, January 13th, 456 births and 347 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 546 births and 371 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 16.5, 15.3, and 21.0 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 17.8 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 1.1 per 1,000 lower than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 8.7 in Londonderry and 13.6 in Waterford to 21.7 in Dublin and 30.1 in Limerick. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 0.3 per 1,000, or 0.8 per 1,000 lower than during the preceding period, the highest figure—1.3—being recorded in Belfast, while Cork, Londonderry, Limerick, and Waterford registered no deaths under this heading.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

BRISTOL CORPORATION.—Public Analyst and Bacteriologist. Salary, £450, rising to £600, per annum.

BURNLEY COUNTY BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum.

BURTON-ON-TRENT INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—(1) Two House-Surgeons. (2) House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum each.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeons. Salary, £60 per annum.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

GLASGOW CORPORATION.—Lady Medical Assistant. Salary, £160 per annum.

HALIFAX ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

ISLINGTON: PARISH OF ST. MARY.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 9 District. Salary, £100 per annum and fees.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E.—Physician.

NOTTINGHAM CITY ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Surgeon to Out-patients.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, Greenwich.—(1) Assistant Physician. (2) Honorary Anaesthetist. (3) Medical Registrar. (4) Surgical Registrar. (5) Pathologist.

LEEDS HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Resident Clinical Assistant.

WEST HAM BOROUGH.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the Plaistow and Dagenham Hospitals for Infectious Diseases. Salary, £200 per annum.

YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacancies in the office of Certifying Factory Surgeons: Doune, co. Perth; Castle Cary, co. Somerset.

APPOINTMENTS.

ALLAN, John, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., House-Surgeon to the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, Brighton.

BEALE, H. R., M.D.Lond., Medical Officer of Health, East Retford Rural District.

BOWES, John Arnold, L.D.S. (R.C.S.Eng.), Dental House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

BROOK, T. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Epping Union.

BROUGH, D., M.B., C.M.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Battle District co. Sussex, and Medical Officer of Health Battle Urban District.

BROWN, H. M., M.B., Ch.B.Vict., District Medical Officer of the Drayton Union.

BRUCE, E. J., M.B., Ch.B., District Medical Officer of the East Retford Union.

BURGESS, Arthur H., F.R.C.S.Eng., M.B., M.Sc.Vict., Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Manchester Christie Hospital for Cancer.

BURROWS, Harold, M.B., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Surgeon to the Seamen's Hospital.

BYERS, A., M.D.Vict., Ch.B., District Medical Officer of the Bucklow Union.

COX, F., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Clutton Union.

DICKIE, W. S., F.R.C.S.Eng., Consulting Surgeon, Middlesbrough Union Workhouse.

DODD, Stanley, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Resident Medical Officer of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

EDMOND, W. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., First Resident Assistant Medical Officer, St. George's Infirmary, Highgate Hill.

FARNCOMBE, E. L., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Chudleigh District, co. Devon.

HALL, J. S., M.D.Durh., M.B., B.S., District Medical Officer of the Farnham Union.

HAMILTON, Robert J., F.R.C.S.E., etc., Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon, Stanley Hospital, Liverpool.

HEANLEY, C. M., M.B., B.S.Lond., D.T.M.H.Camb., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.Lond., Assistant to the Government Bacteriologist at Hong Kong.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTH.

CORNER.—On January 12th, at 37, Harley Street, W., the wife of Edred M. Corner, F.R.C.S., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HAY—DUNCAN.—On January 17th, at St. George's Church, Tyldesley, by the Rev. J. Lund, M.A., John Hay, M.D., M.R.C.P., eldest son of James M. Hay of Liverpool, to Agnes Margaret, daughter of William Duncan, M.D., of Tyldesley.

RYALL—BARKER.—On January 16th, at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, W., by the Rev. G. F. Holden, Edward Canny Ryall, F.R.C.S., of Harley Street, son of Edward Canny Ryall, late 86th Regiment, to Eveline, daughter of the late C. D. J. Barker, J.P., D.L., and of Mrs. Barker, Radnor House, Great Malvern.

DEATH.

KINGDON.—On January 5th, at 31, The Broadway, Westminster, during sleep, John Abernethy Kingdon, F.R.C.S., late of 2, Bank Buildings, Lothbury, in his 78th year.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, 20, Hanover Square, W.—Council meeting, 7 p.m. Ordinary meeting, 8 p.m. Communications: Dr. A. G. Levy, A Modification of a Gas and Oxygen Apparatus. Captain A. F. A. Howe, The Teeth of the Pygmies of Central Africa.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Dr. Frederick Taylor: Three cases of Myoclonus. Dr. William Ewart: Interrupted Circulation as a Therapeutic Agent, with illustrative cases of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Dr. Frederick Taylor and Dr. Ewart will both show some cases at 8.15.

THERAPEUTICAL SOCIETY, Apothecaries' Hall, Blackfriars, 4.30 p.m.—Dr. G. Newton Pitt: Antithyroid Serum in the Treatment of Exophthalmic Goitre.

WEDNESDAY.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, London Institution, Finsbury Circus, 8.30 p.m.—Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson: Hunterian Lecture on Reminiscences of the Hunterian Society.

THURSDAY.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON, Stafford Rooms, Titchborne Street, Edgware Road, W.—Clinical meeting, 8.30 p.m., the President, Dr. F. W. Cock, in the chair.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square.—8 p.m., Card specimens by Messrs. A. Stanford Morton and G. Coats. 8.30 p.m., Papers—Dr. A. Maitland Ramsay: The Treatment of Detachment of the Retina. Mr. Simeon Snell: (1) A case of Thrombosis of the Cavernous Sinus; (2) a case of Acute Oedema of the Eyelids. Dr. D. J. Wood: Case of Bilateral Hemianopsia.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Caxton Street, S.W., 5 p.m.—Lecture on Applied Physiology by Dr. Bertram Abrahams.

FRIDAY.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Clinical evening. Exhibition of clinical cases, followed by discussion. Patients will be in attendance from 8 p.m. till 9 p.m.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—Thursday, 4 p.m., Dermatological Demonstration.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C., Thursday, 4 p.m., Abscesses in Connexion with Spinal Caries and their Treatment.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week, at 4 p.m. each day:—Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Throat. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows:—Monday, The Management of the Breasts and Infant during the Early Days of the Puerperium; Tuesday, Stammering; Wednesday, The Treatment of Rheumatism; Thursday, The Differential Diagnosis of Abdominal Tumours.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Central Out-patient Department, 7, Fitzroy Square, W.—Thursday, 5 p.m., Phthisis in Old Age.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Hysteria. Friday, 3.30 p.m., Surgery of the Nervous System.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Tottenham Hospital N.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Tuesday, 3.30 p.m. (at Colney Hatch Asylum, New Southgate), Demonstration on States of Mental Depression; Thursday, 4.30 p.m., Clinical lecture on Hemiplegia.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, N.W., Thursday, 3 p.m.—Cases from the Wards.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Gower Street, W.C., Wednesday, 4 p.m.—Clinical Lecture on Oral Sepsis.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following arrangements have been made for next week, at 5 p.m. each day: Monday, Anaesthetics; Tuesday, Mental Unsoundness amounting to Certifiable Insanity; Wednesday, Practical Medicine; Thursday, Practical Surgery; Friday, Anaemia.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
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20 SATURDAY	
21 Sunday	
22 MONDAY	
23 TUESDAY	
24 WEDNESDAY	BRIGHTON DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Dispensary, 113, Queen's Road, Brighton, 4 p.m.
25 THURSDAY	WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Balham Hotel, 8.45 p.m.
26 FRIDAY	TOTTENHAM DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Tottenham Hospital, 4 p.m.
27 SATURDAY	
28 Sunday	
29 MONDAY	
30 TUESDAY	KENSINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, 5 p.m.
31 WEDNESDAY	BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Bristol. ULSTER BRANCH, Belfast.
FEBRUARY.	
1 THURSDAY	SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH, Athenaeum, George Street, Plymouth, 4.30 p.m. SWANSEA DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, General Hospital, Swansea, 3 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Bolingbroke Hospital, 4 p.m.
2 FRIDAY	

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
FEBRUARY *(continued)*.	
3 SATURDAY	LEINSTER BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, 4.30 p.m.
4 Sunday	
5 MONDAY	
6 TUESDAY	
7 WEDNESDAY	
8 THURSDAY	LONDON: Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 5 p.m.
9 FRIDAY	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*.
10 SATURDAY	
11 Sunday	
12 MONDAY	
13 TUESDAY	
14 WEDNESDAY	
15 THURSDAY	
16 FRIDAY	EDINBURGH BRANCH, Annual Clinical Meeting, Royal Infirmary.
17 SATURDAY	
18 Sunday	
19 MONDAY	
20 TUESDAY	
21 WEDNESDAY	
22 THURSDAY	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, 4 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Battersea Town Hall, 3 p.m.
23 FRIDAY	
24 SATURDAY	

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